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To: All BLM Field Offices
Attn: Fire Management Officers

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Fire Safety Alerts for Wildland Fire Operations

The purpose of this memo is to request your participation in a new Fire Safety Alert process for the Bureau of Land Management. The Fire Safety Alert is being initiated immediately by BLM, and will be integrated into an interagency process later this year.

Purpose: A Fire Safety Alert will be used to directly and immediately inform incident management teams of important wildland fire safety-related issues. The Fire Safety Alert will be sent via e-mail to Type 1 and 2 Incident Commanders.

Criteria: The Fire Safety Alert process has four tiers, and each alert will be issued in one of the following categories, depending upon the nature of the safety issue.

1. ***Fire Safety Warning.*** A safety-related issue that is an imminent threat to life or property.
2. ***Fire Safety Watch.*** A safety-related issue that has the potential for personal injury, or is a serious threat to personal injury.
3. ***Fire Safety Advisory.*** Important safety information, but not directly related to threats on life or injury, OR safety reminders for firefighter protection.
4. ***Fire Safety Flash.*** Factual confirmation of fire-related fatality or serious accident.

Protocol: Fire Safety Alerts will be disseminated by the Office of Fire and Aviation (OF&A) in Boise. However, field input is essential in collecting the safety-related information for the Alerts. Field input into this process may be done verbally or in writing to Ron Dunton or Roy Johnson at OF&A. Fire Safety Alerts may also be initiated via information provided through the SAFENET process.

Validation: All information disseminated via this process will be validated by OF&A through the State Fire Management Officers.

Questions regarding the Fire Safety Alert process may be addressed to Ron Dunton at 208-387-5446 or to Roy Johnson at 208-387-5163.

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